

DRUSKU ROUTE



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Nr. 154 | 12,6 km

Route

It is suitable for active cyclists, who are ready to experience an exciting ride right along the Latvia-Estonia border. The cycle route allows you to enjoy the enchanting landscape of Veclaicene and the views of Estonia just behind the border posts.

Direction of the route

Korneti - Farm "Pauguri" - Latvia-Estonia Border - Lake Ilgājs - Drusku Castle Mound and Drusku Hill - Dzērves Hill and Sightseeing Tower "Korneti"

Road surface

14% asphalt, 71% gravel, 15% forest paths

Recommended time

May - October

Length

~12,6 km

Duration

~1,5 hours

Level of difficulty

Medium (ascending hills can be a challenge for an inexperienced cyclist)

Start point, finish point

Parking place in the centre of Korneti

Marking

No marking in nature

GPS: 57.5894, 26.9476

Worth to know!

Meteorological and other conditions can have an effect on certain sections of the route: poor road quality, sand, mud. The route leads along private properties, where there may be unchained dogs. Follow the principle "#Walking in nature. Leave no trace of your visit!"

Everyone is responsible for their own safety during the route. Rescue services: 112

Service

Self-service tourist information point

Free drinking water refill point

Car and trailer parking place "Korneti"

"Vaiņagi", Korneti, Veclaicene Rural District, Alūksne Region

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Nature House at Lake Ilgājs

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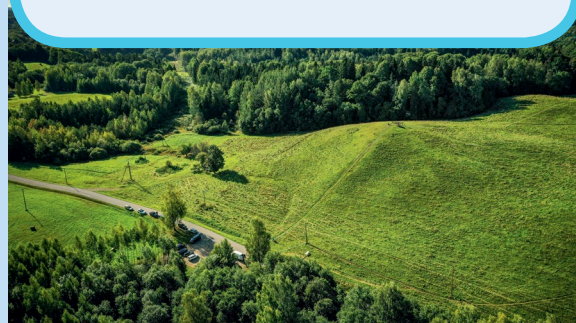
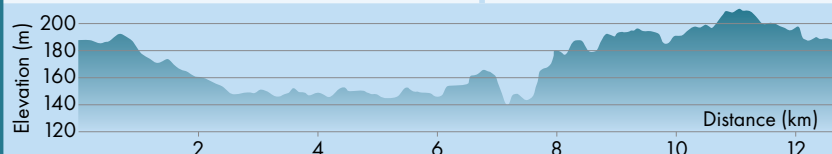


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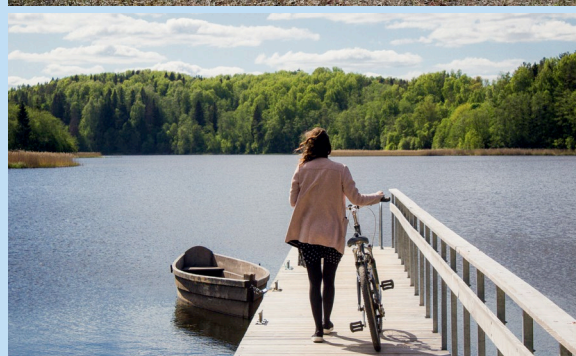


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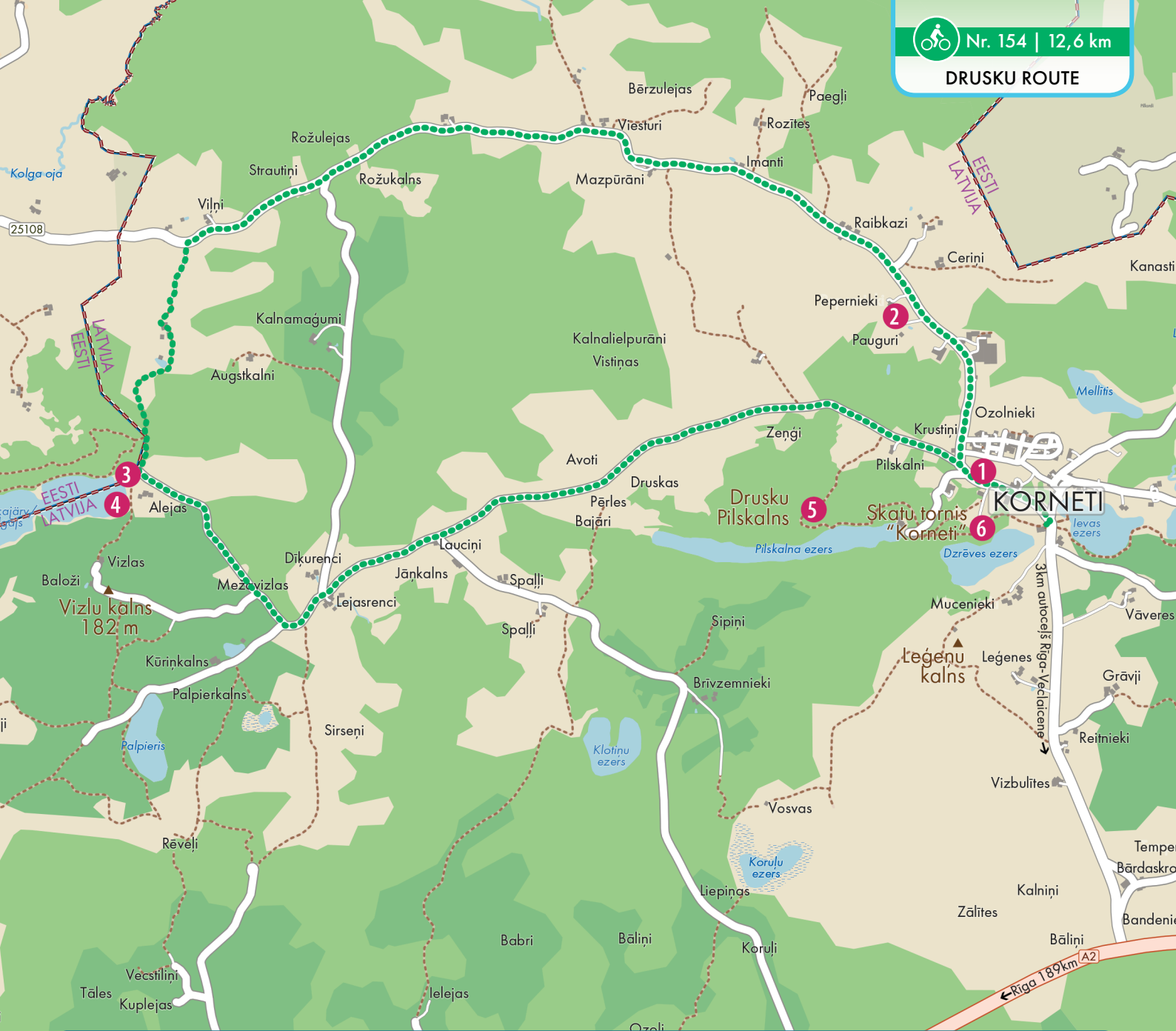


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1 Korneti

Korneti is the administrative centre of the Veclaicene rural district. Travellers usually use the names “Korneti” and “Veclaicene” as synonyms. In the middle of the 18th century German barons chose the beautiful place between Lake Ievas and Lake Dzērves for the construction of the manor house. Nowadays we can see just the ruins of the ancient manor palace: just 5 decorative corner pillars of the building have remained. Visit the Veclaicene History Depository, which is located in the historical Guards’ House (a paramilitary organisation in Latvia between 1918 and 1939), to find out more about the history of Korneti and its surroundings.

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2 Farm “Pauguri”*

A recreation place and a sightseeing platform have been made for tourists in a picturesque and enchanting environment. Different shapes made from stone or wood show the skills of the farm owner. The place is worth visiting to purchase decorative and practical wooden things made on a lathe in a turning process. Small wooden boxes, clocks, pens, games, swings and other useful things have preserved the natural tints, structure and smell of a tree.

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3 Latvia-Estonia Border

Four lakes – Lake Peļļu, Lake Smilšājs, Lake Sūneklis and Lake Ilgājs form natural Latvia–Estonia border. Several border posts are visible in the vicinity of the lakes.

4 Lake Ilgājs

Lake Ilgājs is the biggest of the four Peļļi ravine lakes. It is about a kilometre long and resembles the digit 8 in shape. In the part of the lake, which is in the territory of Latvia, there is a small island. The deepest place in the lake is 22.5 m.

On the shore of the lake, there is a Nature House for lodging and recreation. It also provides information on the Korneti–Peļļi ravine formed by the melting glaciers.

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5 Drusku Castle Mound and Drusku Hill

Taking a walk along the Drusku Castle Mound Trail, you can reach the steepest castle mound in Latvia – **Drusku Castle Mound** and Drusku Hill. The **panoramic view panel** will help you understand which places you can see in the distance.

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6 Dzērves Hill and Sightseeing Tower “Korneti”

The highest point of **Dzērves Hill** is 203.5 m above sea level. The 27-metre-high **sightseeing tower “Korneti”** on the top of the hill is open for visitors 24 hours a day. The tower and the hill can be reached by walking along the Drusku Castle Mound Trail. The tower provides an excellent possibility to enjoy the fantastic views both of the Alūksne Highland and the Haanja Highland in Estonia, the beautiful lakes of the Korneti–Peļļi ravine, and, if the weather is good, it is even possible to see the highest hill in the Baltics – Big Munamagi Hill (*Suur Munamägi*) in Estonia.

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* the visit must be booked in advance